

identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The morning scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

*Morning Meeting:* September 15, 1999, 9:00 a.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336-8900.

*Evening Meeting:* September 15, 1999, 7:00 p.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336-8900.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

#### Site Visit

Idaho Power Company and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on September 14, 1999. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Visitor Parking lot of Idaho Power Company's headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho. If you would like to attend, please call Lewis Wardle, Idaho Power Company, at (208) 388-2964, no later than September 7, 1999.

#### Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

#### Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings for these projects.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend

the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

August 5, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Major New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2077-016.

c. *Date filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* USGen New England, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Project is located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton Co., New Hampshire, and Caledonia Co., Vermont. Project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Cleve Kapala, USGen New England, Inc., 46 Centerra Parkway, Lebanon, NH 03766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed William Guey-Lee, E-mail address [william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us](mailto:william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us), or telephone (202) 219-2808.

j. *Status of Environmental Review:*

This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: The Moore Development, located 283.5 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: An 11-mile-long, 3,490 surface-acre reservoir with 114,176 acre-foot storage capacity at 809.0 feet mean sea level (msl); an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,920 feet and a max. height of 178 feet; a 373-foot-long concrete spillway with 15-foot-wide by 20-foot-high sluice gate, four 50-foot bays of 17-foot-high stanchions, and three bays of 36 foot-wide by 30-foot-high Taintor gates; four steel penstocks each 296 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at a combined rating of 225,600 hp at a design head of 150 feet, for a plant capability of 191,960 kilowatts (kW). The Comerford Development,

located 275.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: an 8-mile-long, 1,093 surface-acre reservoir with 29,356 acre-feet storage capacity at 650.0 feet msl; an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,253 feet and a max. height of 170 feet; an 850-foot-long concrete spillway with six 7-foot-wide by 9-foot-high sluice gates, four bays of 8-foot high flashboards and seven 10-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at combined rating of 216,800 hp at a design head of 180 feet, for a plant capability of 163,960 kW. The McIndoes Development, located 268.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: a 5-mile-long, 543 surface-acre reservoir with 4,581 acre-foot storage capacity at 454.0 feet msl; a concrete gravity dam with a length of 730 feet and a max. height of 25 feet; a 520-foot-long concrete spillway with a 12-foot wide by 13-foot high skimmer gate, three 24-foot-wide by 25-foot-high Taintor gates, a 300-foot long spillway flashboard section with 6 foot flashboards, and two 50-foot-wide by 18-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Kaplan type turbines at combined rating of 3,800 hp at a design head of 29 feet, for a plant capability of 13,000 kW.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes: Metropolitan Washington, DC Area—Phase I Rate of Progress Plan

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy status.